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ABSTRACT

In the early 1980s, the Ford Foundation launched a grants program called Child Survival/A Fair Start for Children (CS/FS) that addressed issues related to birth and infant health and development among families that were poor and underserved by traditional human services. This book reports on each of seven CS/FS projects, describing the concerns and living conditions of the families served; the project objectives, curriculum, and staff; the methods and findings of project evaluation; and the program elements continued in the community after the initial funding ended. It also provides a cross-project view of the process of program implementation, the costs of the services, and the overall effectiveness of the program. The 12 chapters are: (1) "The Fair Start Study: An Overview" (Mary Larner and others); (2) "The Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker Project: Appalachian Communities Help Their Own" (Barbara Clinton); (3) "The Fair Start Program: Outreach to Migrant Farmworker Families" (Carol Winters-Smith, Mary Larner); (4) "CEDEN's Parent-Child Program: A Fair Start for Mexican-Origin Children in Texas" (Martin Arocena and others); (5) "The Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infant Health Project: A Rural Clinic Reaches Out" (M. Christine Nagy and others); (6) "The Haitian Perinatal Intervention Project: Bridge to a New Culture" (Susan Widmayer); (7) "The Adolescent Parents Project: Sharing the Transition" (Shelby Miller); (8) "New York's Child Survival Project: A Medical Center Serves Its Neighborhood" (Judith E. Jones, Jacqueline Williams-Kaye); (9) "Issues of Program Design and Implementation" (Robert Halpern); (10) "Program Operations: Time Allocation and Cost Analysis" (Oscar Harkavy, James T. Bond); (11) "Realistic Expectations: Review of Evaluation Findings" (Mary Larner); and (12) "The Child Survival/Fair Start Initiative in Context" (Robert Halpern and others). Contains 52 references. (TJQ)